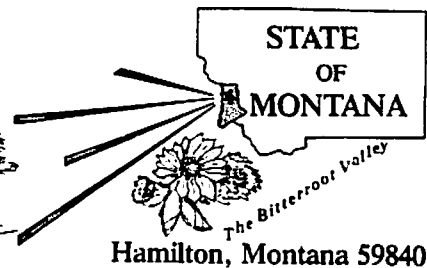
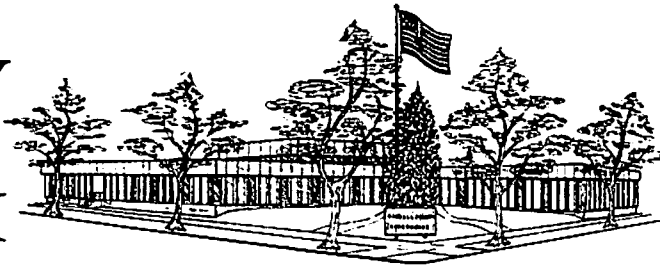


COUNTY OF RAVALLI



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Ravalli County Commissioners

Dear Phil and Jack;

First let me apologize for my late written response to your February 20th request on the insurance issue. My office and lack of staff has been in disarray since the first part of March; by which I am still in the process of moving my office. Many of the questions you asked required that I go to the attic archives and look through files which is quite time consuming.

As I indicated to you by phone, Fred Thomas has been the Insurance of Record with Ravalli County since I was employed here in 1993. I visited with Fred who indicated he remembers working with Ravalli County as early as 1984 when he was an agent for the Bob Thomas Insurance Agency in Stevensville. I have included a copy of the Call for Bid in 1984 and a letter awarding the insurance bid to Siphers/Thomas Insurance Company in 1988. A search of the archives did not result in other bid awards or bid notices.

Since that time, Ravalli County has been insured through the Montana Association of Counties/Joint Powers Trust for liability insurance, with the exception of two-three years where the county utilized St. Paul Insurance Company. For the past six years, Western States Insurance has been the agent of record for this insurance.

If you want further information on liability insurance, I suggest you contact the Montana Association of Counties at 406-444-4360, as they might also assist you in any questions you might have.

In regard to the workers compensation, we do not have an agent of record. In regard to the Health Insurance program, Fred Thomas is not the agent of record.

Ravalli County does not pay Fred Thomas or Western States directly. We pay the MACo Insurance program, and they pay the commissions to the agent of record or agency.

I have also attached information from our Administrative Officer Skip Rosenthal that should be helpful to you. Due to the time constraints in my office, I wanted to mail this response to you now, and let you know that when I have finished moving my office, I will check my files and minutes to see what I have for previous policies since the year 2000.

Hope this helps in your search of information. Call me if you have any further questions.

Please send a check for the 19 copies in the amount of \$2.95 (first page .25 cents and .15 for additional pages), made out to the Ravalli County Commissioners at 215 S. 4th Street, Hamilton, MT 59840. Thanks.

Sincerely,

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